

IN THE DESCRIPTION

Amend the 6th paragraph on page 7 (that starts on line 9) as follows:

Figs. 32A to E D show the first three channel symbols of the synchronization pattern in the bottom-strip for different FSM-states of the 11-to-12 fish-bone code.

Amend the last paragraph on page 21 (that starts on line 28) as follows:

The first three channel symbols of the synchronization pattern in the bottom-strip are essential for the next-state decoding and the realization of the beginning of the special synchronization feature, i.e. the two inclined 2T marks crossing the borders of the strips, in the NRZI bit stream of the synchronization. The three essential symbols of the bottom-strip are shown in Figs. 32A, B, C and D for each of the 16 states of the FSM in terms of NRZI bits and NRZ channel symbols. Again, the left column shows the last bit-triplet of the code before the synchronization pattern begins and the right column shows the first three channel symbols of the synchronization pattern. The top row shows the corresponding NRZ symbols.